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REPORT ON J.B.A.Grote and the sale of arms.

Made by D. S. I. Reeves. Forwarded by Chief Detective Insp.

Sir,

I forward herewith the name of a German J.B.A.Grote, living at 21 Miller Road, as a man whose name should be on our records. Yesterday evening this man was brought in drunk and incapable and on him being searched the enclosed card and paper relating to arms was found in his pocket. He was locked up all night and on him being released sober this morning, I asked him what his occupation was. He said he was a broker. I asked him if he ever tried to sell arms, and he replied that he did not deal in such goods. I did not show him the paper or did he ask for it. Grote is a small man with grey hair and small grey moustache, age 45 years, single. He speaks English very well. He seems to be very poor, and he had no money on him when he was brought in. The Chinese boarding house he is living in, catered for the poorer class of foreigners, and I have known Germans to stay there. These premises were searched by me for opium on the 27th May 1916, but nothing was found.

Grote has been living at 21 Miller Road for the past 9 days and previous to that he stayed in the Savoy Hotel. I have seen the Chinese proprietor of the boarding house, and he informs me that Grote has informed him that Li Tu Hang and Dr Sun Yet Sun are friends of his. He states that Grote has informed him that he is going to pay a visit to Canton very soon. Grote can also read and write Chinese. I think that probably the trip to Canton will be to try and sell the arms. The proprietor will inform me when Grote thinks about going.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Ernest D. Reeves
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